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In re Application of: Kurihara et al.

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Examiner: Martin Lerner

Title: *Rate Control Device for Variable Rate Voice Encoding System and Method Thereof*

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding office action of 4/14/2004, and further in view of the interview of 8/12/2004, applicants respectfully request the examiner to reconsider the final rejection in light of the comments that follow: